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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION -- KISSINGER TRIP

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1. REPORTING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EUROPEAN TRIP, AL AHRAM ON JULY 10 QUOTES WIRE SERVICE REPORTS THAT ME WILL BE PRIORITY AGENDA ITEM. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, SECRETARY TOLD PRESS THAT GREAT IMPORTANCE IS BEING ATTACHED TO HIS TALKS WITH RABIN. STATEMENT ISSUED IN WASHINGTON SAID SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRIME MINISTER RABIN "WILL CONTINUE TALKS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF EFFORTS FOR ACHIEVING ME PEACE." SECRETARY ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT US GOVERNMENT "WILL DO ITS BEST TO REACH NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT IN COOPERATION WITH SOVIET GOVERNMENT." FROM MOSCOW, AFP SAYS THAT USSR "IS NOT IN HURRY ABOUT CALLING FOR RESUMPTION GENEVA CONFERENCE BEFORE ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR REACHING SETTLEMENT ARE EXHAUSTED."

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2. AL AKHBAR FRONTPAGES REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO US SOURCES, SECRETARY'S EUROPEAN TRIP SEEKS BOTH TO REACH INTERIM AGREEMENT ON PRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI AND TO SEEK RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH USSR ON LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT EGYPT WILL BE INFORMED "AT ONCE" OF RESULTS OF AMERICAN-ISRAELI DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. AL AKHBAR ADDS THAT SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS WITH GROMYKO POSSIBILITIES OF GENEVA CONFERENCE RECONVENING UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF BOTH POWERS.

3. AL AHAM CARRIES WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM TEL AVIV QUOTING FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON'S PREDICTION THAT "US WILL BE THIRD PARTNER IN NEW DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IN SINAI." IN WEST GERMANY, AL AHAM REPORTS, PRIME MINISTER RABIN SAID THAT DISENGAGEMENT IN SINAI "IS POSSIBLE," AND ANNOUNCED ISRAEL'S READINESS TO WITHDRAW FROM OILFIELDS. AL AHAM STATES THAT JABIN ALSO ADMITTED THAT SOLUTION FOR PALESTINIAN QUESTION "MUST BE WORKED OUT, ALTHOUGH ISRAEL IS NOT READY TO NEGOTIATE UNDER TERRORIST PRESSURE." BOTH AL AHAM AND AL GOMHOURIYA REFER TO RABIN'S REMARK THAT ISRAEL IS READY TO GO TO GENEVA PROVIDED THAT RESUMPTION IS PRECEDED BY PROPER PREPARATION.

4. AL GOMHOURIYA ALSO QUOTES RABIN'S STATEMENT THAT "INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT, THAT WE ARE TRYING TO CONCLUDE THROUGH US, MUST REPRESENT REAL PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE."

5. EDITORIALY, HODA TEWFIK OF AL GOMHOURIYA MAINTAINS THAT EGYPT INSISTS ON RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR.

6. LOCAL USE OF HEARST/KINGSBURY-SMITH REPORT ON SADAT INTERVIEW REPORTED BY SEPERATE TELEGRAM. RUSSELL

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